

## **REMARKS**

As a preliminary matter, applicants request acknowledgment of the references cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 2, 2001. A copy of the PTO 1449 Form is enclosed.

Independent claims 1 and 11 stand rejected under § 102 on the basis of Koizumi et al., and independent claim 9 stands rejected under § 103 on the basis of Koizumi, Hattori and Kuhn. Applicants traverse these rejections for the following reasons.

Koizumi provides plural working modes of an information storage device. Specifically, in the case of sufficient power supply, high speed processing of the information storing device is offered, making positively efficient use of the power supply. In the case of insufficient power supply, a working mode to work with low power consumption is offered. To realize low power consumption, low speed is set in the following operations: rotation speed of magnetic disk, starting operation of the motor, forwarding and rewinding speed of magnetic tapes, positioning at read/write. The examiner appears to have pointed out that the present invention corresponds to Koizumi in that "the rotation speed of the disk is set at low when starting a motor and a lower rotation speed is selected when driving the motor according to power supply."

The present invention relates to an information storage apparatus in which even when remaining power is low, an information recording medium can safely be taken out. Therefore, the present invention describes a technique to stop a motor when remaining power

is low. In contrast, Koizumi relate to the information storing device in which plural operation modes are provided so as to select high speed or low speed according to power supply. Koizumi does not disclose a technique to decelerate and stop the motor. Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections, and the rejections of the dependent claims, is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicants' attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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